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In re Application of

Handel et al.

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DECISION ON
PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision in response to the petition filed December 13, 1999 requesting that the above-captioned application be made special pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102.

☐ No petition fee is required (37 CFR 1.102(c)).

☒ The requisite petition fee ☐ has been submitted, ☒ has been charged to deposit account 50-047 as authorized (37 CFR 1.102(d) and 37 CFR 1.17(i)).

The petition is GRANTED.

The petition is sufficient to satisfy the conditions set forth in:

- ☐ Section 708.02 I (Manufacture) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 II (Infringement) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 III (Applicant's Health) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(c)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 IV (Applicant's Age) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(c)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 V (Environmental Quality) M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(c)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 VI (Energy) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(c)).
- ☒ Section 708.02 VIII (Accelerated Examination) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 IX (Superconductivity) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 X (HIV/AIDS and Cancer) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).
- ☐ Section 708.02 XI (Inventions for Countering Terrorism) of the M.P.E.P. (37 CFR 1.102(d)).

The application is being forwarded to the examiner, or other appropriate personnel.

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